

SECOND DAY

(Continued)

(Monday, February 13, 1950)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 11:05 o'clock a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
February 13, 1950.

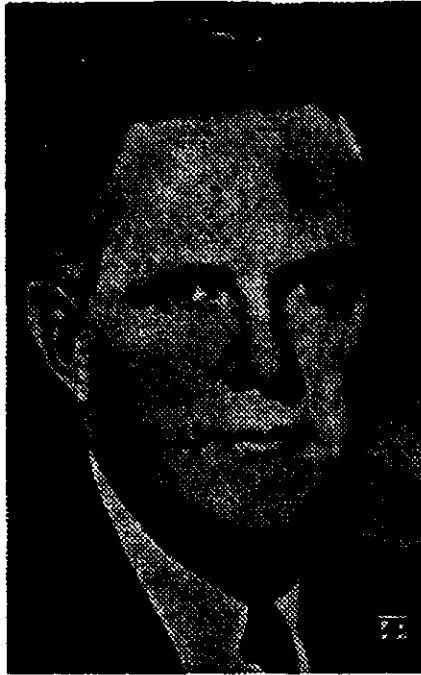
Hon. Grady Hazlewood, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 10, In memory of the Honorable Beauford H. Jester.

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Hon. Beauford H. Jester

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10**

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate for consideration at this time the following resolution:

IN MEMORY OF GOVERNOR BEAUFORD H. JESTER

Whereas, A Governor of Texas who had given generously of himself to the service of his State and his fellow citizens, after a sunny day of pleasure spent with his family and associates, went quietly to sleep and so on to his final rest; and

Whereas, Beauford Halbert Jester, in the full tide of his accomplishments, left behind him a record of achievement that all acknowledge as a great contribution to the welfare of the people of Texas, especially in the fields of education and of youth development; and

Whereas, He was born in Corsicana on January 17, 1893, the son of George T. Jester, who served as Lieutenant Governor of Texas from 1895 to 1899, and of Mrs. Frances Gordon Jester, the mother to whom he was so devoted a son; and was educated in the public schools and the University of Texas; and served his Nation gallantly in the First World War, seeing action in the battles of St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne, and then serving in the Army of Occupation; returning to finish his legal education at the University of Texas; and

Whereas, During the years of private life from 1920-1942 he served on the Board of Regents of the University of Texas from 1929 to 1935, part of that time as Chairman, and also found time to serve his church and community and his old comrades of the Ninetieth Division in many ways, and was also active in the State and local bar associations and in the work of the State Home at Corsicana; and

Whereas, Beauford H. Jester was inaugurated as Governor of Texas on January 21, 1947, after serving for five years on the Railroad Commission; and

Whereas, His real genius for friendship sprang from an unaffected and genuine liking for people, so that the line from the old poem could well apply to him—"Write me as one who loves his fellow men"; and

Whereas, Governor Jester and the Fifty-first Legislature had labored together during an extended session on perplexing problems of vital importance in every field of state government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Legislature of Texas, the Senate concurring, that it is particularly fitting that this Legislature should express the deep sorrow of its Members for the untimely loss of a distinguished son of Texas, their associate in long months of exhausting effort; and be it further

Resolved, That many words could be written expressing the sorrow in the loss of this great man, but this will be left to the historians who will write upon the imperishable tablets of time the deeds of Governor Jester; and be it further

Resolved, That we offer the life and accomplishments of Governor Beauford Jester as the fruits of a free and incorruptible democracy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, conveying the sympathy of the Fifty-first Legislature, be sent to the members of the family of Governor Jester, and that when the House and the Senate adjourn today, they do so in tribute to him.

Signed—Grady Hazlewood, President pro tempore, Aikin, Ashley, Bell, Bracewell, Bullock, Carney, Colson, Corbin, Cousins, Hardeman, Harris, Hudson, Jones, Kelley of Hidalgo, Kelly of Tarrant, Lane, Lock, Martin, McDonald, Moffett, Moore, Morris, Nokes, Phillips, Proffer, Shofner, Strauss, Tynan, Vick, Weinert.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Phillips, and by unanimous consent, the names of the President pro tempore and of all the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Nokes, and by unanimous consent, it was ordered that a page of today's Journal be set aside for a portrait of Governor Jester.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

H. B. No. 1, Making an appropriation for the support, maintenance, and improvement of the State Hospitals and Special Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE JONES,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Resolution 26

Senator Cousins offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Civics Class of Beaumont High School of Beaumont, Texas: Doris Faye Wheeler, Bobbie Joan Joffrion, Marilda Riley, Betty Holmes, Maribel Ware, Shirley Roblow, Karen King, Jayne Wherry, Martha Lipe, Carlene Hinote, Tommie Van Schoebrook, Louie Garrard, Martha Levois, Barbara Vincent, Eleanor Carter, Zollie Voges, Gladys Guinn, Glenda Wheeler, Barbara Strong, Bette Abell, Joyce Myers, Diane Guseman, Joanne Guseman, Lois Marie Kelley, Dorothy Harper, Grace Wright, Jane Wood, Elaine Seastrunk, Frances Ragsdale, Patsy Moore, Carter Arthur, Carolyn Ford, Marian Butler, Joy Waldrop, Ida McFaddin, Andrew Johnson, Jimmy Webb, Herman Bice, Riley Marberry, Billy Hill, Don Samuelson, Wendell Johnson, Van McDuffie, David Stuart, Leelan Dorsett, David Selman, William Desmond, Leon Stertz, Harry Lucas, Harold Patillo, Sid Ramos, Mickey Huffman, Gene Clark, Bill Bryant, Herschel Mathews, Bill Graeber, Jimmy Cornelius, Charles Williamson, Albert Marshall, Charles Corley, John Bean, Allen Daigle, Victor Bateman, Bill Mason, Jr.; together with their Civics Teacher, Miss Shelley Muse, and their Activity Director, Miss Winnifred Turner, were visitors in the Senate on February 13, 1950; and

Whereas, The above referred to Civics Class has shown their desire to learn of the functions of their State Government so that upon reaching the age of voting, they can intelligently participate in their State Government; and

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas appreciates the interest shown by these students and their teachers in State Government by making this trip to Austin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of the State of Texas, that the Senate expresses its appreciation to these students for their visit; and that a copy of this Resolution under seal of the

Senate, be forwarded to each member of the Civics Class of Beaumont High School and to Miss Shelley Muse and Miss Winnifred Turner, as evidence of this recognition.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Leaves of Absence Granted

Senator Hudson was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Harris.

Senator Carney was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Morris.

Senator Bell was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Proffer.

Presentation of Werner Janzen and Charles Delphenis

The President pro tempore recognized Senator Nokes who presented Charles Delphenis of Paris, Texas, a student in the University of Texas, and Werner Janzen, of Berlin, Germany, attending the University of Texas as an exchange student, to the Senate.

House Bill and Resolution on First Reading

The following bill and resolution, received from the House, were laid before the Senate, read and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 1 to the Committee on Finance.

H. C. R. No. 8, to the Committee on Finance.

House Concurrent Resolution 8

On motion of Senator Bracewell, and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time:

H. C. R. No. 8, Requesting the Comptroller to submit reasons for his estimates relative to the Eleemosynary Institutions.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Message From the Governor

The following message, received from the Governor today, was laid before the Senate, read and referred to the Committee on Nominations of the Governor:

Austin, Texas
February 9, 1950.

To the Senate of the 51st Legislature,
1st Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointment:

To be Secretary of State for term to begin February 10, 1950:

John Ben Shepperd of Gladewater, Gregg County.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLAN SHIVERS,
Governor of Texas.

Recess

On motion of Senator Hardeman, the Senate at 11:27 o'clock a.m., took recess until 11:00 o'clock a.m., tomorrow.

Record of Vote

Senator Phillips asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the motion to recess.

In Memory of
William Martin Thornton

(Senate Resolution 25)

Senator Ashley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, William Martin Thornton served with distinction for more than fifty years as a newspaper correspondent in the Texas Capitol, and at his untimely death on November 1, 1949, he had established a record of continuous service as a Capitol newspaper correspondent not closely rivaled by any other person; and

Whereas, his colleagues in the Capitol press corps propose to furnish a suitable portrait of "Tudey" Thornton; and

Whereas, the Senate of Texas desires to accord recognition to the fine career in his chosen field of endeavor, the fidelity to duty and the genial personality of William M. Thornton who was known and respected by all its members; now, therefore, be it

Resolved By the Senate of Texas, that when said portrait has been provided, it be placed in a suitable location upon the walls of the Senate Chamber so that it may serve as a reminder of the constructive public service rendered the people of Texas and the high ideals which guided the labors of William M. Thornton throughout his long career.

ASHLEY.

Signed—Grady Hazlewood, President pro tempore, Aikin, Bell, Bracewell, Bullock, Carney, Colson, Corbin, Cousins, Hardeman, Harris, Hudson, Jones, Kelley of Hidalgo, Kelly of Tarrant, Lane, Lock, Martin, McDonald, Moffett, Moore, Morris, Nokes, Phillips, Proffer, Shofner, Strauss, Tynan, Vick, Weinert.

The resolution was read.

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